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# WINGTIPS

Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp

WISHING YOU THE BEST!

**10**  
REASONS TO BUY  
**The Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp)**  
*for the Holidays!*

- 1 Efficient and significant, 98% of Duck Stamp revenue acquires land &/or protects habitat. One billion dollars in revenue has already protected more than 6.5 million acres of managed habitat! Let's keep it going!
- 2 Duck Stamp funds not only support Refuge lands, they also conserve wetlands and grasslands in the Prairie Pothole Region. While the Prairie Pothole only accounts for 10% of North America's waterfowl breeding habitat, the region produces nearly half of the continent's ducks!
- 3 More than 300 National Wildlife Refuges have been created or expanded with Duck Stamp revenue, and at least 1 National Wildlife Refuge in every state has benefited from the program.
- 4 Duck Stamps aren't just for ducks! Numerous wetland and grassland songbirds are dependent on habitat acquired from Duck Stamp purchases.
- 5 Birds are not the only ones who benefit! Wetlands acquired with Duck Stamp dollars improve water quality, provide flood control, reduce soil erosion and sedimentation, and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities such as hunting, fishing, bird-watching and outdoor photography.
- 6 A current Duck Stamp also serves as free admission into any National Wildlife Refuge that charges an entry fee.
- 7 Collect art! An annual nationwide contest determines whose artwork will grace the stamp. Thus, each stamp is a masterpiece, prized by stamp collectors and wildlife art enthusiasts around the world.
- 8 The Duck Stamp is readily available for the low-purchase cost of \$25 at various post offices, sporting goods stores, National Wildlife Refuges, online and more! Go to [rb.gy/q1puqp](http://rb.gy/q1puqp) for purchase options.
- 9 The Duck Stamp serves as a license for waterfowl hunters, who have been the primary purchasers of the Duck Stamp. Today, the number of hunters are declining, but the need to protect our wetlands is not! Your purchase affirms your support of public lands.
- 10 Embrace our Duck Stamp heritage & pave the way for a brighter future! Over 85 years old, the Duck Stamp encompasses the things we love- art, culture, history, stewardship, conservation, and cost-effectiveness- all wrapped up in the size of a postage stamp... literally!

*Wishes for all things Merry & Bright from your Friends!*

For more information on the Duck Stamp, visit [rb.gy/q1puqp](http://rb.gy/q1puqp)

## ORDER A STAMP THROUGH US

You can get your own current Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp at most large Post Offices, at many National Wildlife Refuges, and through a number of vendors.



If you want another easy way to get a current Stamp, send a check for \$25 made out to Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to us (at P.O. Box 2143, Columbia MD 21045), and a note with your phone number and your e-mail address in case there are any problems.

We'll send you the current stamp ASAP.. as long as our supply lasts!

## Support the Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp

The Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to two fundamental goals:

1. To increase promotional and educational efforts among various target audiences concerning the stamp and the National Wildlife Refuge system.
2. To increase the regular, voluntary purchase of the stamp among hunters and non-hunters alike.



Our membership is annual, corresponding to the year of validity for the Federal Duck Stamp, namely from the beginning of July to the end of the following June. Our "Regular Friend" fee is modest, only \$15, but all Friends are also asked to *pledge to buy TWO stamps per year*, joining with other organizations across the country in that effort.

You can access a simple mail-in [membership form](#).

We encourage you to commit yourself to the promotion of the Stamp program, the Friends, and smart conservation through the sales and promotion of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation [Duck] Stamp.

And don't forget support for the Jr. Duck Stamp Program which reaches tens of thousands of youngsters. One way to help is described here, on the right, through AmazonSmile.

**Shop at AmazonSmile**  
and Amazon will make  
a donation to:

The Junior Duck Stamp Program  
through our Friends

Get started

**amazon**smile

## JUNIOR DUCK STAMP COORDINATOR?

The Federal Duck Stamp Office is looking for a Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator for the states of New Hampshire and Arizona.

The backbone of the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is its network of state coordinators. These state coordinators are responsible for hosting the local art and conservation message contests and are the first points of contact for questions about the program in the state.

Of course, the program is designed to be "a dynamic arts curriculum that teaches wetlands and waterfowl conservation to students from kindergarten through high school." The best-of-show winner from each state participates in a national tour of entries and is forwarded to the national competition.

If you are from New Hampshire or Arizona and, with the cooperation of your organization, are willing to consider being the state coordinator, contact Suzanne Fellows at the Federal Duck Stamp Office for more details:

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